



2022 ANNUAL REPORT (FEB 2021 - JAN 2022)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(FEB 2021 TO JAN 2022)



2021 was the biggest year the Katherine Tennis Club had in years which was amazing to see. We continued along under the volunteer-run model which always limits us and what we can offer but, given our capacity, 2021 was a great year.

We saw our membership increase up to around 90 members and we saw numbers grow at weekly senior social and at Saturday morning juniors coaching. The Katherine Open was back after a Covid break in 2020 and was a big success. And locally, we held two local mini-comps as well. Across all those events, we saw quite an increase in players from Katherine playing competition tennis.

We also had some extra programs with the help of Tennis NT with school holiday programs at Easter and September delivered by Tennis NT coaches and some adult beginner coaching by Anzac.

The club did also have a few challenges – mid-week junior practice struggled to continue through lack of volunteers and we had a minor disaster when we were due to (finally!) have a full-time experienced coach/manager at the club. He arrived around Easter and I think didn't fully realise what was required in the job and only lasted a week!

On the administrative side, our committee remained active and engaged throughout the year and financially, the club is in the strongest position it's been in for years. As I mentioned, membership went up and I think that was helped by changing to a membership structure where it's 12 months from date of purchase (rather than calendar year) and also that membership can now be done online via our website. Our social media remains active and popular with an Instagram account now active too. And we got our first little grant in a while too – an Australia Post community grants that helped us get court squeegees and new nets.

Please read on for more details on our 2021. Thanks again for supporting our little tennis club (which is not only the best tennis club in Katherine (by default!) but I'd also confidently say the best volunteer-run tennis club in the NT).

Greg Dickson
Club President

JUNIORS

Katherine Tennis Club's Juniors program came of age in 2021. Michael and Greg had only started Saturday morning hotshots in 2020, doing two terms worth of lessons with only 12 and 14 enrolments.

In 2021, we ran three terms of Saturday hotshots with a big increase in numbers – Term 1 had 19 juniors, Term 2 had 28 and Term 3 had 26. What's been great for Greg, Michael and the club is seeing some of our juniors long-term improvement as they track through the different Hotshot stages of Red, Orange and Green Ball.

Additionally, we were able to offer more competitive opportunities that allow juniors a space to put their training and skills to use and get matchplay experience. We had good participation across those events:

March Minicomp – 13 juniors
Katherine Open – 7 juniors
September Minicomp – 20 juniors

We were also super lucky to have Tennis NT's input to our junior program. During the Easter and September School Holidays, they received funding to send down a coach and deliver a free school holiday program which many of our juniors took advantage of.

With these programs going from strength to strength, it meant that our mid-week junior practice fell by the wayside this year unfortunately, even though we had a few great volunteers try to keep it going. In fact, our juniors owe a big thanks to many of our volunteers and parents who help out with scoring at our comps and helping out on court. Thanks also to Michael Jazyschyn who continues to develop as a coach and is a huge asset to the club. It's great to see our club being a valued and enjoyable place for Katherine kids to learn and enjoy tennis!





SENIORS

For adults, our main program in 2021 was again our weekly Sunday Social tennis under lights. With increased membership and fewer Covid interruptions, our numbers increased for Sunday Social, even filling all six courts on occasion! Throughout the year, we saw more members taking up the free-court-hire membership benefit with courts used on an almost-daily basis.

As with juniors, the Katherine Open and mini-comp days gave players more events to play at so we saw increased numbers at those events too. Anzac from Tennis NT delivered a great 3-week Adult Beginner coaching program and we had Jess run two well-attended Cardio Tennis sessions too.

We only had a few players travel for tournaments, with Greg and Lewis playing the Australian Seniors tournament at the Gardens Tennis Club in Darwin in June.

With Katherine's transient population, we also had to say goodbye to some of regulars who were great additions to the club. We hope players like Victor, Aatif, Jen, Kate, Donald, Cindy, Ben and more are all still enjoying tennis in their new homes.

COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

Katherine Tennis Club wouldn't exist without its committee and volunteers. This became very clear around Easter 2021 when a coach we recruited in conjunction with Tennis NT turned up for a week and then left without notice - a huge disappointment! This meant our club continued to be self-reliant, depending on the committee and volunteers to deliver programs and ensure Katherine has a home for tennis. A big thank you to those who served on the committee this year:

2020/2021 committee

Greg Dickson – President (since 2019)
Tim Dowling – Vice President (new in 2021)
Jason Gapinski – Treasurer (new in 2021)
Ryle Cenabre – ordinary committee member (since 2020)
Karin Spain – ordinary committee member (since 2020)
Kyle Booker – ordinary committee member (since 2020)
Lewis Lampton – ordinary committee member (for numerous years)
Matia David – ordinary committee member (new in 2021)
Matthew Chung – ordinary committee member (new in 2021)

Thank you also to our outgoing committee members for their service: Nic Brindell (outgoing Vice President) and Michelle Lawrence (committee).

In addition to the committee, the Club's volunteers are vital to the club being able to provide tennis for the Katherine community. Thank you to everyone helped in so many ways, including: helping juniors on court at comps, lessons and mid-week practice, working bees to clean up the club, helping with the canteen and fundraiser dinner at the Katherine Open and more! Our effort were rewarded by taking out a **Regional Sports Volunteer Award**, receiving a \$500 prize for the club!

Each year through Tennis NT, the club selects a **Clubperson of the Year** which in 2021 went to Lewis Lampton. Lewis has been a long time committee member, a great player, does amazing work to keep the club tidy and also infuses the club with a fantastic positive and inclusive culture. A well deserved award for a great asset to the club.



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

No annual report is complete without some numbers and statistics, so here's a sample:



	2018 (at 31/1/19)	2019 (at 31/1/20)	2020 (at 31/1/21)	2021 (at 31/1/21)	2022 (as of 17/6/2022)
Members	25	42	41	90	64
Income	\$7,174.75	\$10,867.95	\$10,181.95	\$17,305.24	\$13,848.48
Profit/loss	-\$4,821.03	\$2,284.49	\$1,398.11	\$11,289.14	\$3,214.59
People who entered the Katherine Open	117	97	Cancelled	89	89
People who like our Facebook page	363	389	523	Around 600	650
Instagram followers	-	-	-	Around 40	68
Average juniors at mid-week practice	Not held	8-10	8-10	Dis- continued	Dis- continued
Average juniors at Saturday Hotshots	Not held	Not held	10-14	22	20
Average seniors at social tennis	6	8-10	10-12	18	10

2021 KATHERINE OPEN

After the 2020 Katherine Open was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, we were thrilled to welcome players from all over the NT back to the club for the **2021 Katherine Open**. The event was a great success with around 90 players competing including around 18 from Katherine which is a higher number than usual.

The Katherine Open is by far the biggest event on the club's calendar and also one of the most loved events on the Territory's tennis calendar. A massive thanks to all who helped. Simon Lavers from Tennis NT helped us secure valuable sponsorship from the Katherine Club, Jo Hersey and Katherine Physio. Sam Giess stepped in as tournament director at short notice and did a great job. Thanks to local volunteers who helped in the canteen and also with our amazing Fundraiser dinner that raised well over \$1,000 for the club. And the tennis was great too! Key results included:

- Men's Open Singles Final – Peter Politis def Ethan Prosser
- Women's Open Singles winner – Ava Willoughby
- Men's Open Doubles winners – Peter and Nick Politis
- Women's Open Doubles winners – Jess Polack and Emily Webb

Several Katherine Tennis Club members also did well:

- Tim Dowling was runner-up in social singles
- Michael Jazyschyn finished 3rd in the 16s Boys Singles
- Jeremyah Larcombe won the Orange Ball Singles
- Goldie Ganley won the Red Ball Singles



CLUB MINI-COMPS

Our club mini-comps is a new program with our first one held in September 2020 with 20 players. In 2021 we ran a March event and September event. They were increasingly popular with 27 players in March playing across morning and evening sessions. In September, we had a massive 39 players and the events ran all weekend.

Our mini-comps are one of the few times our seniors and juniors come together, creating a great club environment. It also lets our players test themselves in matches in a slightly more serious (but still social) environment.

Here are some of the winners!

	March mini-comp	September mini-comp
Red Ball 1	Goldie Ganley	Edward Goode
Red Ball 2		Harry Rowlands
Orange Ball 1	David Jazyschyn	Harlon Fernando
Orange Ball 2	Molly Proudlock	--
Orange Ball doubles	--	Nathan Lalim Connor Walsh
Green Ball	--	Caitlyn Usher
Junior (Yellow ball)	--	Oscar Page
Family Doubles	Andrew Jazyschyn Sienna Lee	--
Senior Singles 1	Ryle Cenabre	Ethan Prosser
Senior Singles 2	Matia David	Aatif Tariq
Women's Social	--	Maria Guerin
Senior Doubles A	Greg Dickson Steph Jazyschyn	Michael Jazyschyn Kyle Booker
Senior Doubles B	--	Matthew Chung Maria Guerin

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Although we are a small club, it is great to note local players achieving on the state, national and even international level. Here are some achievements of Katherine Tennis Club members in 2021:

Katherine Tennis Club Volunteers

Regional Sports Volunteer Award

Greg Dickson

- Runner-up – 30+ Singles – Gardens Seniors Tournament
- Line Umpire – 2021 Adelaide International, 2022 Traralgon ATP Challenger
- Chair Umpire – ITF Junior tournaments in Darwin, Adelaide and Traralgon (Vic), ITF Wheelchair event (Victorian Championships).
- Match Assistant – 2022 Australian Open

Lewis Lampton

- Katherine Tennis Club Clubperson of the Year



PHOTO GALLERY



Tim and Kyle show off the new squeegees thanks to an Australia Post community grant



Jess Polack from Tennis NT ran our September school holiday program



Club committee representatives receiving the Volunteer Group Award at the 2021 Katherine Regional Sports Volunteer awards



Just a few of the players from our September club mini-comp

PHOTO GALLERY



The club super busy during the 2021 Katherine Open



Sunday Social, farewelling Aatif



Mario Brothers make an appearance at our mini-comp

